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Our New Library Nears Completion

Manual Training Building On School Lot Is Fitted Up By School Trustees—One Thousand Volumes Have Been Donated and Preparations Are Being Made for a Notable Musical and Book Shower.

American Fork's new Public Library is rapidly being rounded into shape, both as to the building and its furnishings, also as to the collection of the intellectual matter and the organization of its management. Mechanics this week completed the erection of three double sets of book shelving, each twelve feet in length, and which combined will hold over 3000 volumes. The carpenters are also building railings, library tables and desks and other furniture contained in any well regulated library. The plasterers have completed the lathing and plastering of the building, which is 20 feet wide and 40 feet long, is well lighted and well ventilated, and when completed ready to receive the books, will be turned over gratis to the committee by the American Fork school board.

The Utah Power & Light company will wire the building and donate some fine chandeliers, for which they will receive the thanks of the committee.

The merchants have promised to supply linoleum, chairs, desks, and other necessary furniture, which will be ready soon as the painters have gotten through.

The several canvassing committees in each of the four wards have about completed their work of visiting every home in the city, and when the work is completed they will have received approximately 1,000 books, most of them good ones, suitable for library purposes.

When the time comes for the formal opening, which should be in about one more month, plans are being matured for one of the most notable single events in the history of the city. It will be a book shower. The most noted singers, musicians and entertainers will be brought from all parts of the state for the performance to be given in the State Tabernacle, and the gifts, books, or their equivalent in cash. Already prominent citizens have signified a willingness to donate valuable sets of histories, works of reference and sets by prominent authors. Works of art for decorating the walls will also be acceptable. The committee is banking heavy on this book shower, and are working to make it a fitting climax to their long and well directed efforts.

Historic Relic Goes to State Museum

In the Co-op. window is a most interesting relic. It is an old blacksmith's bellows, brought across the plains in 1847 by the pioneers. With it was made the first plow share ever made in Utah, and which was made by John Crooks, who brought the relic to Utah.

It was used by Mr. Crook's father in the early days of Nauvoo, in his blacksmith shop there. On one occasion it was used in which to hide the guns of the Mormons when the mob came to disarm them.

The bellows will be taken next week to the Deseret Museum in Salt Lake City, where it will find a permanent home and be exhibited with the other relics of state historical interest.

Canada Suffers From Drouth

Robert Proctor returned the past week from a visit to his ranch in Manitoba, Alberta, Canada. He reports the worst drought in the recent history of Alberta. Many farmers will receive absolutely nothing for their whole year's work. Others, however, will harvest fair crops. In many instances the government will have to supply seed for the farmers to plant for next year's crop. The grass, which is ordinarily luxuriant and waving this year is but a couple of inches high. As a result, in many instances the cattle are poor.

One man, who owns a threshing outfit and last year threshed 30,000 bushels for himself, and nearly 100,000 bushels for his neighbors, this year will not even take his outfit out of the barn.

Mr. Proctor, however, fared better than the others generally. One 100-acre tract went 10 bushels per acre and another larger tract went nine bushels. The wheat bringing

good price, enabled him to clear up more money on his Canadian ranch than he realized from his irrigated farm in American Fork. Generally where the farmers did deep fall plowing, they came out ahead of the game.

A Frank Expression

As a citizen and tax payer I desire to express myself publicly against the granting of a public pool hall license in our quiet little city, (or any other city for that matter.) To do a thing of that kind would be a step against the best interests of our boys and girls and our future citizens. It would be a better move to establish a free public library, a gymnasium, swimming pool, play ground, etc., and put them all under proper control and regulation. The public pool hall, in my opinion, is a kindergarten, so to speak, for the future gambler, the stepping stone to open saloons, and in many ways leads to evil. Who would like to have his boy in the influence of tobacco smoke, profanity and oftentimes vulgarity and drunkenness. Who would like his son associated with and under the control of men whose example and influence, in many instances, is opposite to what you would want; men, as a rule, who do not respect the Sabbath, do not reverence Deity, and do not stand in my judgement for the moral uplift of the community in which they live. Do we want our boys in that kind of an element? I say no! Absolutely no!

There are better ways of reaching the boys and I sincerely hope our good citizens will unite together and stamp out all such evils. I commend the action of our city officials who labored in conjunction with the county officers in wiping out the liquor evil, and hope the good work will continue until every citizen will learn to obey the law, and be subject to the rules and regulations of the county where they reside. In speaking the way I do it is not because I would wish anyone harm, but on the contrary to further the interests of all our citizens. In writing these few lines, I truly believe I am voicing the sentiments of 90 per cent of our citizens, and hope our city officials will act in harmony with their wishes.

Respectfully,
S. L. CHIPMAN.

Saw Mill Burns at Dutchman Mine

The Dutchman saw mill in American Fork canyon, the property of the Dutchman Mining company, burned down last Thursday night, being a total loss. It is not known how the fire started, and when the blaze was discovered it had too good a start for the few men camped there to do anything towards saving it.

Nick Iverson, the veteran canyon saw mill operator, had the mill leased and was just completing a contract which would have been the last cut at this mill for the season, and a dozen more logs would have completed the contract. These dozen logs and about 2000 feet of sawed timber went up in smoke with the mill. The total loss would approximate about \$500.

Mr. Iverson has another mill in the canyon with which to supply the canyon mines with the necessary mining timber.

New School Building To Be Erected

The local school board visited the local schools Monday and found all in good working order. The schools are so crowded that almost every available space in the present school buildings are already filled with children. It is the board's intention next year to erect two more large rooms on the northeast corner of the Forbes building. They will make a basement under the new rooms and install modern toilets.

AGENTS' WIFE SUES FOR DIVORCE

Suit for divorce on the grounds of cruelty have been filed in the Fourth District Court by Ethel M. McDonald of American Fork against George W. McDonald. Plaintiff asks the custody of a minor child and \$40 per month alimony. The parties were married in Omaha, Nebraska, September 14, 1914.

Mr. McDonald is the American Fork San Pedro station agent here. Mrs. McDonald and child left last week for Nebraska, shipping the furniture ahead of them.

City Council Votes Pool Hall License

Change in Street Lighting System May Be Made—Council Again Ties Down Drug Store Licenses.

The City Council met in regular session Saturday evening, Mr. Greenwood presiding. Messrs. McCall and Craven, of the Utah Power & Light company, were present and made some suggestions and explanations regarding the changing of street lighting system. It is proposed to install eight arc lamps in the part of town in place of the numerous incandescent ones. The matter was referred to the committee on streets, who will investigate more closely and probably recommend a change.

Ernest Parker petitioned for the extension of the water system to his home. As it would cost about \$50 to the pipe, the Council voted that he would buy the pipe and dig the trench the city would extend the system and allow the amount in rebate on water rates. The same terms were offered Messrs. Christensen and Bester, who also wanted the city water in their homes.

The American Fork Drug Store, The Briggs Pharmacy, A. F. Brown and Wm. Thornton had applications, accompanied by checks, in asking for druggist's licenses. The Council turned down the first two applications and granted the latter two.

E. M. Parker, Geo. F. Shelley, et al. asked that a fire hydrant be established at the corner of Fourth North and First West Street, for fire protection in that part of town. The petition was granted.

N. M. Ambrose, who was turned down at a former session, again presented a verbal petition asking for a pool hall license. He stated that he would be willing to comply with any reasonably strict regulations if the license were granted. The petition caused considerable discussion, and Councilman Seeley requested that he be recorded emphatically against it. When the vote was called, Councilman Christensen and second, J. W. Storrs, and Hawken voted in favor of granting it. The license, however, cannot be granted till an ordinance now on the book prohibiting it, has been repealed. This will probably be done at another meeting. If the ordinance is changed, then others will have the same opportunity that Mr. Ambrose asks for.

The Mayor was authorized to borrow some funds till taxes come in. The sexton was authorized to hire two men for two days at the city cemetery. Certain improvements needed on the streets were referred to the street committee.

Grant Hotel to Change Management

Mrs. E. McDonald, After Sixteen Years, Quits Hotel Management in American Fork.

Mrs. E. McDonald, after sixteen years of experience in the hotel business in American Fork, has decided to go out of the business here, and on October 15th, will turn the Grant Hotel back to its owner, "Mrs. Mack," as her friends are pleased to call her, who conducted the hotel in the Noyes building for a number of years under the name of the McDonald, and then she moved to Lehi, where she managed the ill-fated Union Hotel, giving this up after a year's experience, she returned to American Fork and took over the management of the Grant Hotel, which she will give up on the 15th.

Soon as she can close up her affairs, she will go to Southern California, where she will spend the winter with friends, and returning to Utah in March, she will again launch into the hotel business in Salt Lake City. The complaint is made that since the Interurban came the hotel business has gone down.

Just who will take over the management of the Grant Hotel after October 15th, has not yet been decided on, but it is not improbable that its owner, Mr. C. M. Beck, may decide to operate it himself.

WHERE TO PAY TAXES

Notice is hereby given that all taxes for American Fork precinct, (except water) can be paid at the office of J. W. Storrs, at Studebaker.

J. W. STORRS,
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Funeral Of Alex Steggell

The funeral of Alex Steggell, who unfortunately met his death on the Interurban road last Friday, was held in the Second Ward Meeting House Saturday afternoon. Bishop J. H. Storrs presided and the ward choir furnished the opening and closing songs. Remarks were made by President S. L. Chipman, Bishop Warren B. Smith and J. H. Davis, all of whom paid high tribute to the deceased's character as a good, hard working, honest man. Miss Jessie Green sang a solo and Misses Elva Chipman and Mable Storrs gave a duet. A large cortege of vehicles followed the remains to the cemetery.

A Prayer For Peace

President Wilson has issued a proclamation calling upon all American to pray for peace of the world. He has designated tomorrow, October 4, as the day for these devotions, and tomorrow will see the entire nation praying earnestly that bloodshed and strife shall be made to cease and unity be restored between nations. It is the first time that a President of the United States has called upon American to pray for such a cause. It is very likely the first time in history that one whole nation has been asked to pray for peace among others. The people of Utah will comply with the President's suggestion and tomorrow, among the most devout prayers which will ascend to the throne of the Prince of Peace, will be those from the people of Utah.

So well does Robert G. Ingersoll portray the emptiness of war and conquest that the following extract from one of his masterpieces is given: "A little while ago I stood by the grave of the old Napoleon—a magnificent tomb of gilt and gold, fit almost for a deity dead—and gazed upon the sarcophagus of rare and named ashes of that restless man. I leaped over the balustrade and thought about the career of the greatest soldier of the modern world. I saw him jer of the modern world. I saw him walking upon the banks of the Seine, contemplating suicide. I saw him at the Toulon. I saw him putting down the mob in the streets of Paris. I saw him at the head of the army in Italy. I saw him crossing the bridge at Lodi with the tricolor in his hand. I saw him in Egypt, in the shadow of the pyramids. I saw him conquer the Alps and mingle the eagles of France

with the eagles of the crags. I saw him at Marengo, at Ulm and at Austerlitz. I saw him in Russia, when the infantry of the snow and the cavalry of the wind blast scattered his legions like winter's withered leaves. I saw him in Leipzig in defeat and disaster—driven by a million bayonets back upon Paris—clutched like a wild beast—banished to Elba. I saw him escape and retake an empire. I saw him force of his genius. I saw him upon the frightful field of Waterloo, where Chance and Fate combined to wreck the fortunes of their former king. And I saw him at St. Helena, with his hands crossed and behind him, gazing upon the sad and solemn sea. I thought of the widows and orphans he had made, and of the tears that had been shed

for his glory, and of the only woman who ever loved him pushed from his heart by the cold hands of ambition. And I said I would rather have been a French peasant and worn wooden shoes; I would rather have lived in a hut, with a vine growing over the door and the grapes growing purple in the amorous kisses of the autumn sun; I would rather have been that poor peasant, with my wife by my side knitting as the day died out of the sky, with my children upon my knee and their arms about me; I would rather have been this man and gone down to the tongueless silence of the dreamless dust than to have been that imperial personation of force and murder known as Napoleon the Great."

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